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Identity theft and fraud are among the fastest growing crimes nationwide. Chief among these crimes is the false impersonation of public safety and first responder personnel through the misuse of government badges, insignia, and uniforms. Such crime threatens the public’s safety and homeland security.

Last year, the California State Legislature enacted AB 1153, a County-sponsored bill, which made it a State crime to make, sell, or transfer unauthorized state and local employee badges and identification cards. On July 28, 2005, Representative Louise Slaughter (R-NY) introduced H.R. 3604 (legislation similar to AB 1153) which would make it a Federal crime to knowingly transfer, transport, or receive an official insignia or article of clothing – including a badge, emblem, or identification card – of a Federal, State, or local government employee in interstate or foreign commerce. This bill, which is consistent with existing Board policy, is especially important because Internet commerce and advances in technology make it all too easy for criminals and terrorists to obtain genuine or fake identification cards, badges, or uniforms of public employees.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter supporting the enactment of H.R. 3604 or similar legislation to Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and the County’s Congressional delegation.

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